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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™



**ABOVE
AND
BEYOND**



SPAZHARD
RAY 99

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

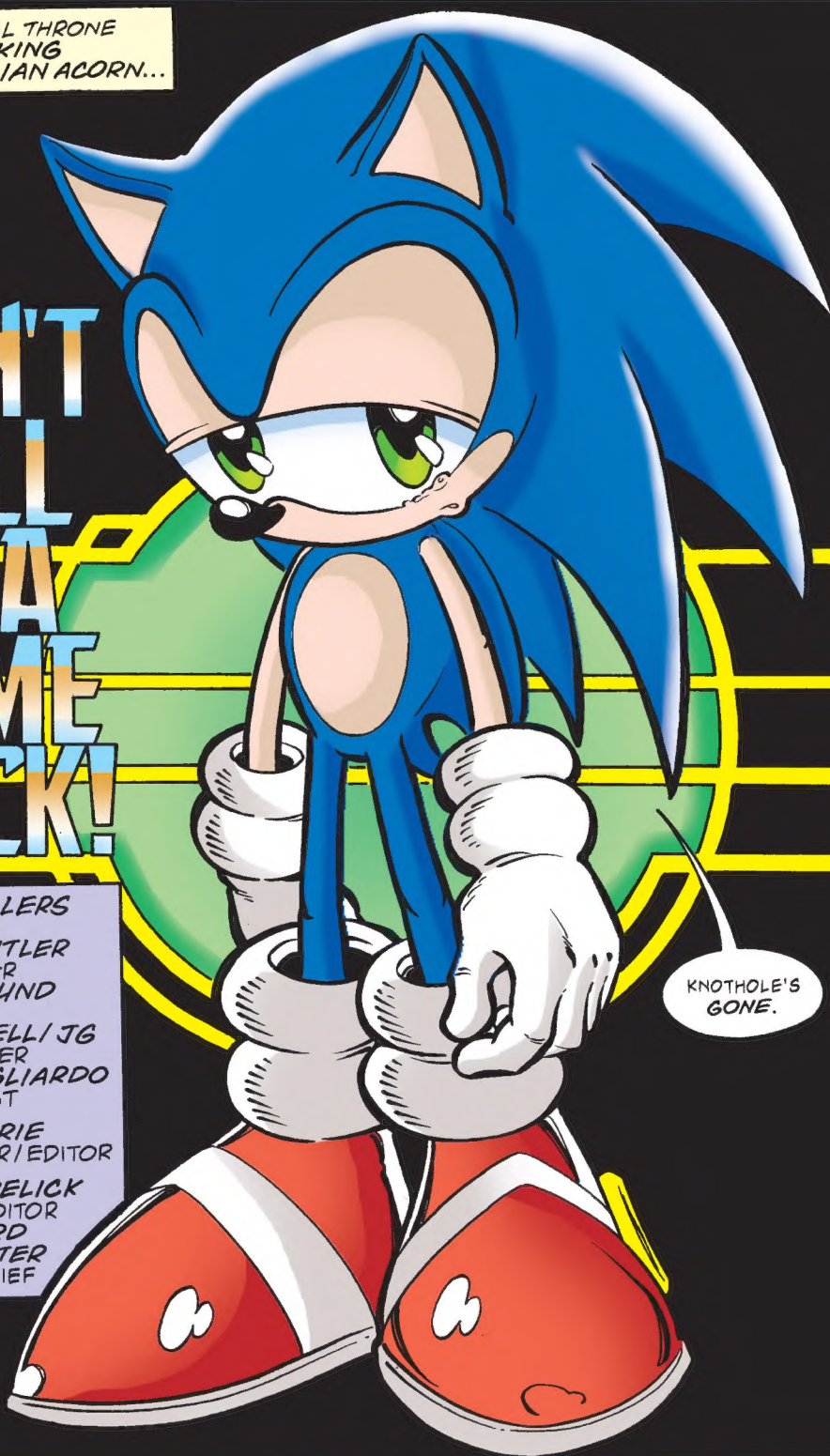
I**N THE ROYAL THRONE
ROOM OF KING
MAXIMILLIAN ACORN...**

**DON'T
CALL
IT A
COME
BACK!**

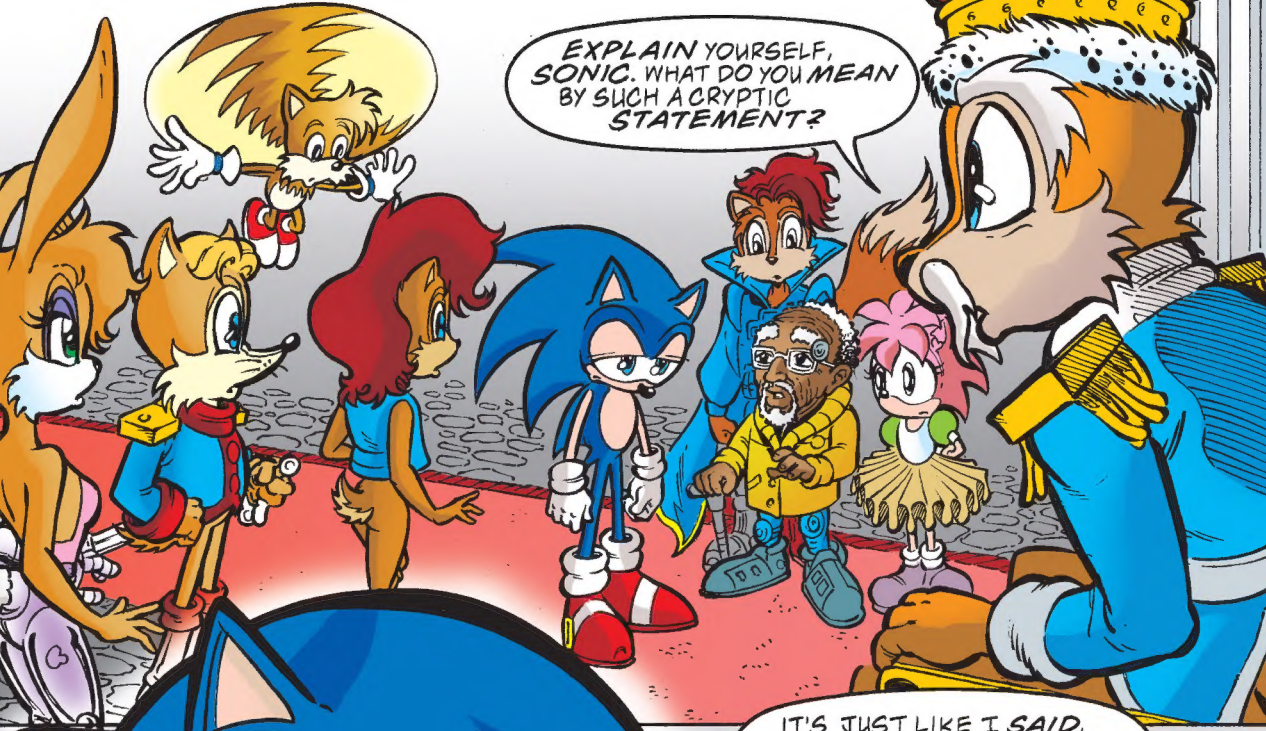
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KNOTHOLE'S
GONE.



EXPLAIN YOURSELF, SONIC. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SUCH A CRYPTIC STATEMENT?

IT'S JUST LIKE I SAID, YOUR HIGHNESS. MY WHOLE FAMILY... MOM, DAD, UNCLE CHUCK AND EVEN MY DOG MUTTSKI...

...HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM KNOTHOLE VILLAGE ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE ROBBIANS!*



OH, SONIC!

HOW?

THERE *MUST* BE AN EXPLANATION!

OH MY STARS!

NO WAY!

EET EEZ IMPOSSIBLE!

THAT'S TERRIBLE!

*Robians are ROBOTICIZED Mobians and see last issue for details.--JFG



WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE? A WHOLE VILLAGE CAN'T JUST UP AND VANISH ALL AT ONCE.

SOMETHING IS DEFINITELY WRONG!

SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY WRONG ALL RIGHT--IT'S THOSE CRUMMY SATELLITES. THAT'VE BEEN ORBITING MOBIUS FOR MONTHS NOW--*



WELL, I'VE HAD ENOUGH AND I DON'T INTEND TO SIT AROUND WAITING FOR THE NEXT DISASTER TO STRIKE!

--I BETCHA THEY'RE SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT'S HAPPENED!

*See recent issues of SONIC--JFG



PLEASE, SONIC... YOU MUST REMAIN CALM WHILE--

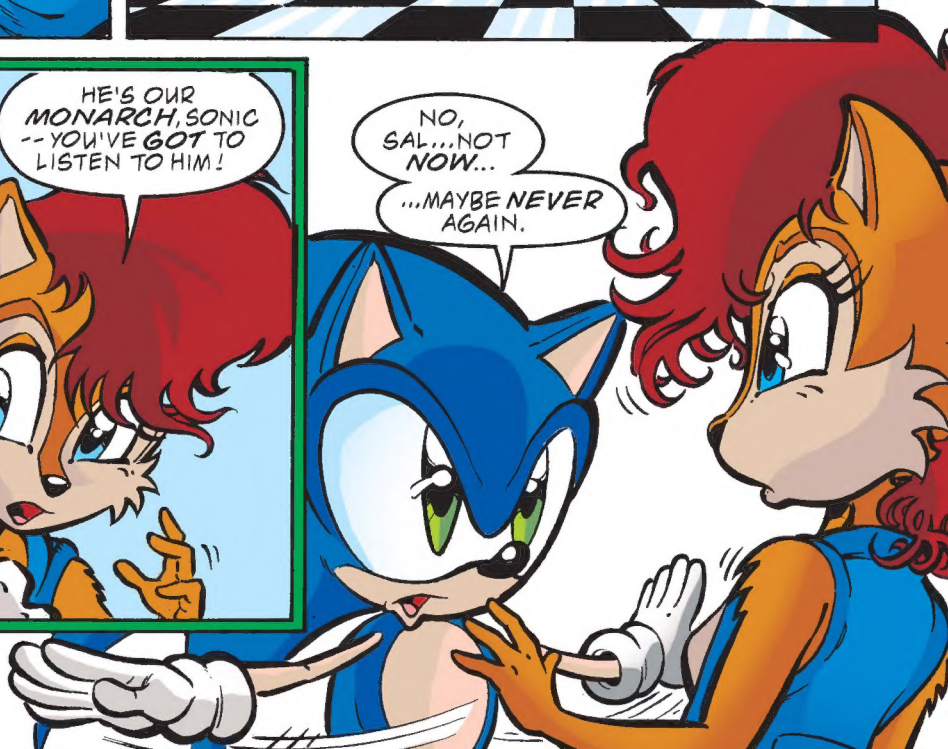
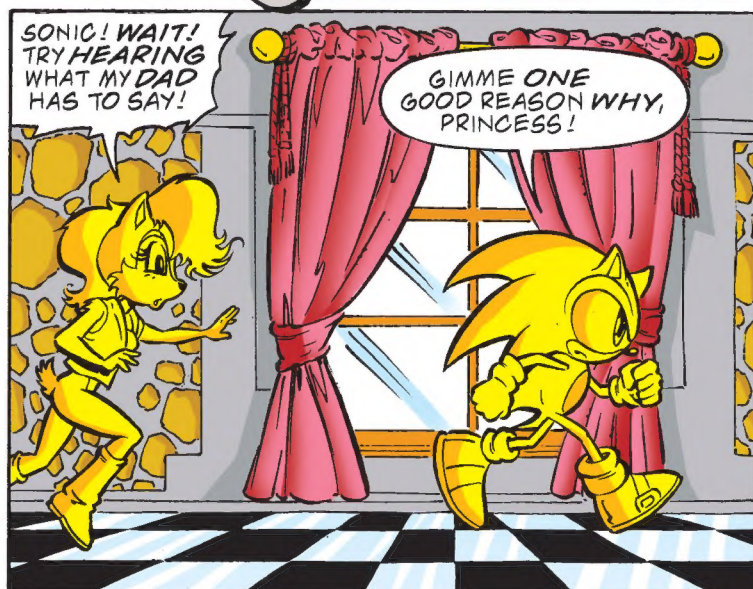
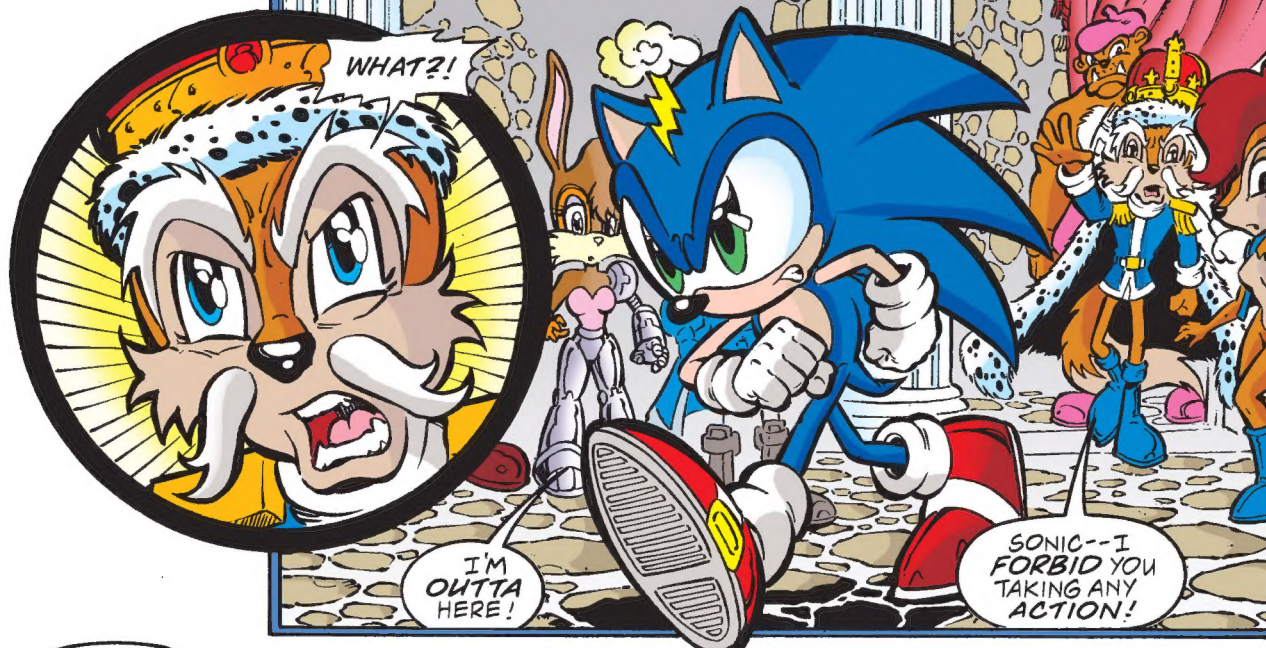


CALM?! CALM?!

I'VE BEEN REUNITED WITH MY FAMILY AFTER TEN YEARS, NOW THEY'RE SUDDENLY GONE AGAIN...

...AND YOU WANT ME TO KEEP CALM? I... I'M SORRY, SIRE...

...BUT I CAN'T DO THAT.



A SHORT WHILE LATER
ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF
MOBOTROPOLIS...

WELL, SO MUCH
FOR... JUST ABOUT
EVERYTHING! I
SHOULD'VE KNOWN
THOSE "DISASTERS"
THAT WERE
OCCURRING...

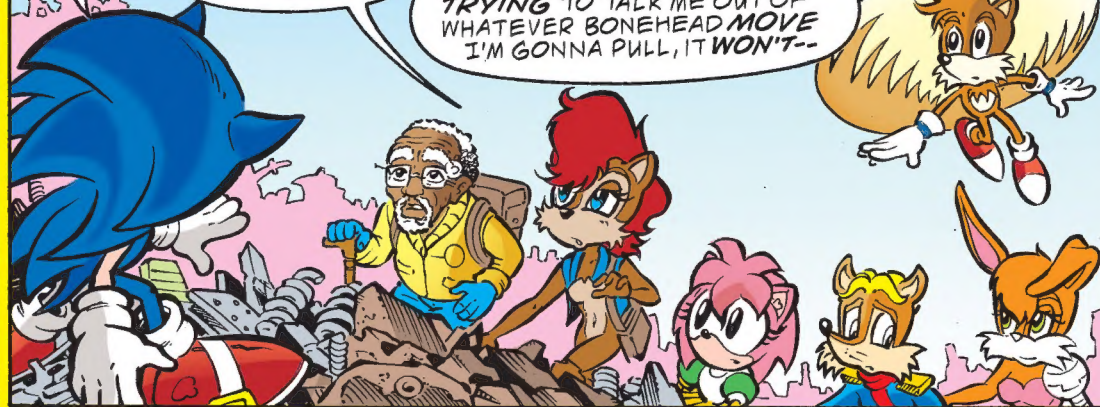
...WEREN'T
NATURAL AT
ALL! NOW I'VE
GOTTA FIGURE
OUT A WAY
TO--

SONIC!

SAL--
WHY'D YOU
GUYS BOTHER
FOLLOWING
ME?

WE'RE HERE
TO **HELP**, SONIC,
AND--

IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT
TRYING TO TALK ME OUT OF
WHATEVER BONEHEAD MOVE
I'M GONNA PULL, IT **WON'T--**

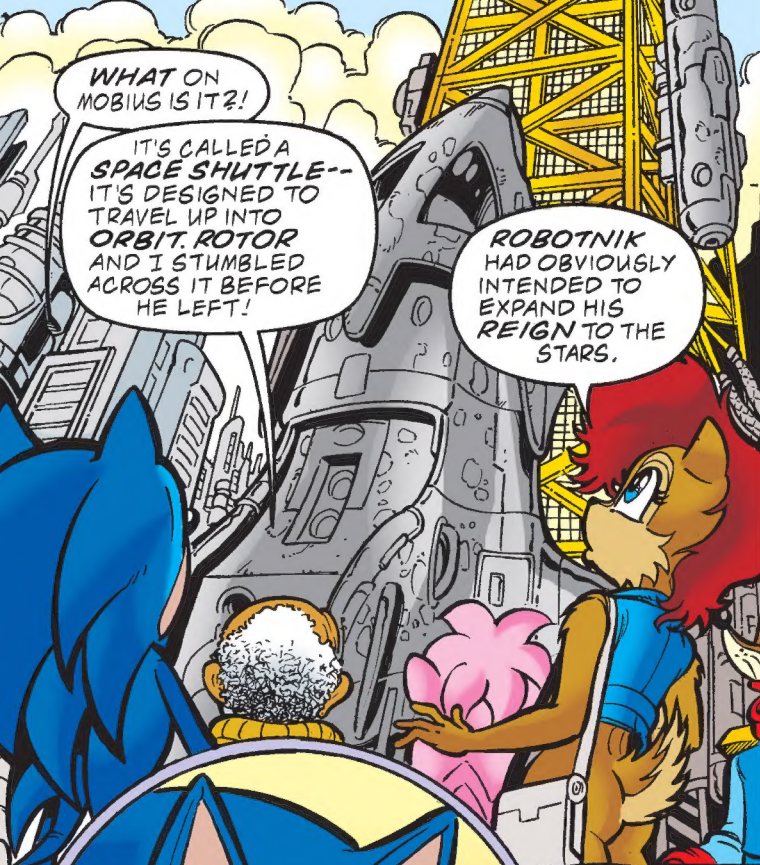


WAITAMINNT
--YOU'RE GONNA
HELP ME?

OF COURSE,
SILLY--WE DON'T
HAVE TO BE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
TO BE FRIENDS!

BUT HOW'RE WE
GONNA **INVESTIGATE**
THOSE SATELLITES?

PERHAPS I
CAN ASSIST IN
THAT DEPART-
MENT! WHY DON'T
YOU **FOLLOW**
ME!



WHAT ON MOBIUS IS IT?!

IT'S CALLED A **SPACE SHUTTLE**-- IT'S DESIGNED TO TRAVEL UP INTO **ORBIT**. ROTOR AND I STUMBLED ACROSS IT BEFORE HE LEFT!

ROBOTNIK HAD OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO EXPAND HIS **REIGN** TO THE STARS.

AH! I'M SO **GLAD** HE DIDN'T GET THE **CHANCE**!

THE **ENERGY** LOCKED IN THESE **POWER RINGS** SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE YOU AT **LEAST** PART OF THE WAY TO THOSE SATELLITES...

...BUT I'M **AFRAID** YOU'LL HAVE TO RELY ON **FOSSIL FUELS** TO MAKE THE **BALANCE** OF THE **JOURNEY**.



NO, WE **WON'T**-- I'VE GOT AN **IDEA**!

PHWEEET!

DID SOMEONE **WHISTLE** MY NAME?

I DID, **DULCY**! I SURE COULD USE A **FAVOR** FROM MY FAVORITE **DRAGON**!



I'M **ALWAYS** WILLING TO LEND A **HAND** (OR A **WING**) TO YOU, **SONIC**!

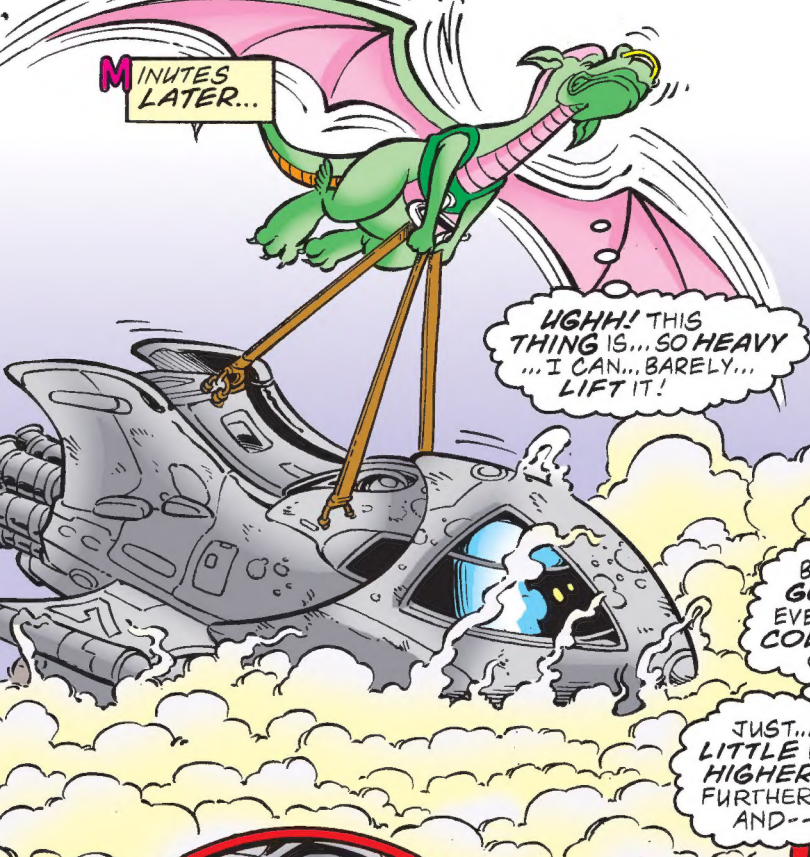


THEN WE'RE **SET**! LISTEN, **AMY**-- I WANT YOU TO STICK AROUND MOBO WITH NATE AND KEEP AN **EYE** ON THINGS!



THAT GOES FOR YOU **TOO**, **SAL**... NO **REASON** FOR YOUR DAD TO BE **MAD**--

I'M **GOING**, **SONIC**, AND THAT'S MY **ROYAL DECREE**-- YOU'VE ALREADY BROKEN ONE GIVEN BY FATHER, SO **DON'T** PUSH YOUR **LUCK**!

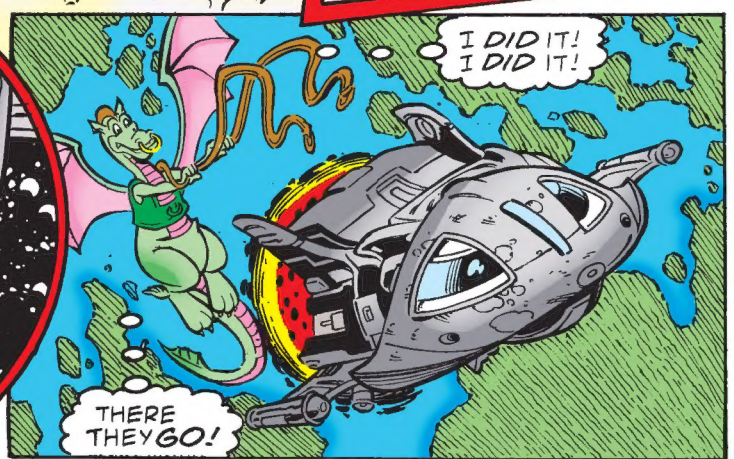
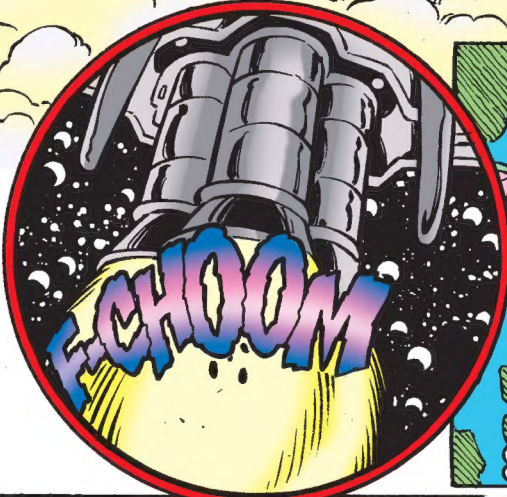
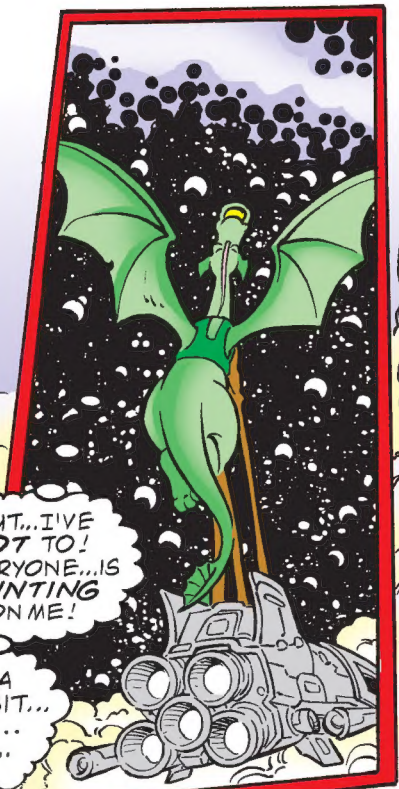


MINUTES LATER...

UGH!! THIS THING IS... SO HEAVY ...I CAN... BARELY... LIFT IT!

BUT... I'VE GOT TO! EVERYONE... IS COUNTING ON ME!

JUST... A LITTLE BIT... HIGHER... FURTHER... AND--

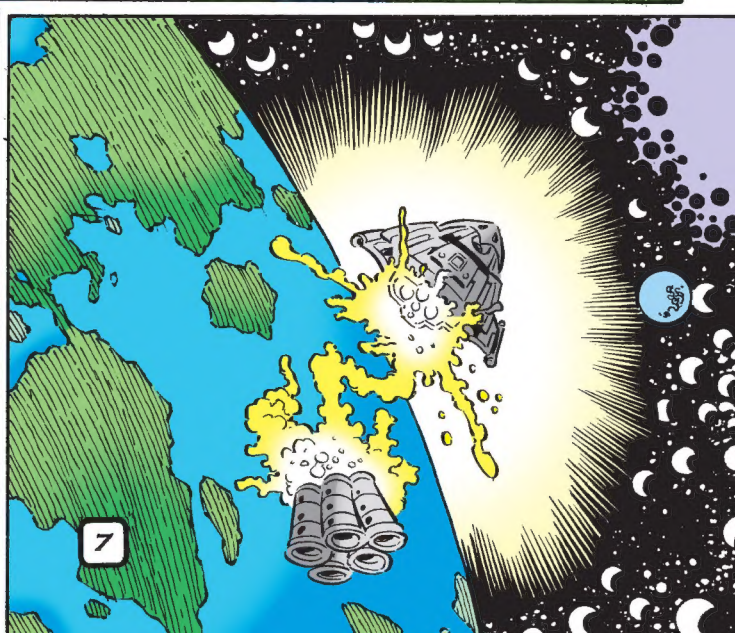


THERE THEY GO!



GOOD LUCK, FREEDOM FIGHTERS. GOOD LUCK...

...MY FRIENDS!



HUH.

WHAT IS IT,
SONIC?

WELL, IT'S JUST THAT
I GOT SO CAUGHT UP...
THAT I FORGOT TO
THANK NATE.

I MEAN, WHY
WOULD HE DO THIS?
IF KING MAX FINDS
OUT, HE'S SURE
GONNA BE MIFFED
AT 'IM!

NATE TOLD ME
THAT IN THE SHORT
TIME HE'S KNOWN
YOU, YOU'VE PROVEN
YOURSELF TO BE A
HERO, SONIC.

HE KNOWS
IF ANYONE
CAN STOP
THOSE SAT-
ELLITES...

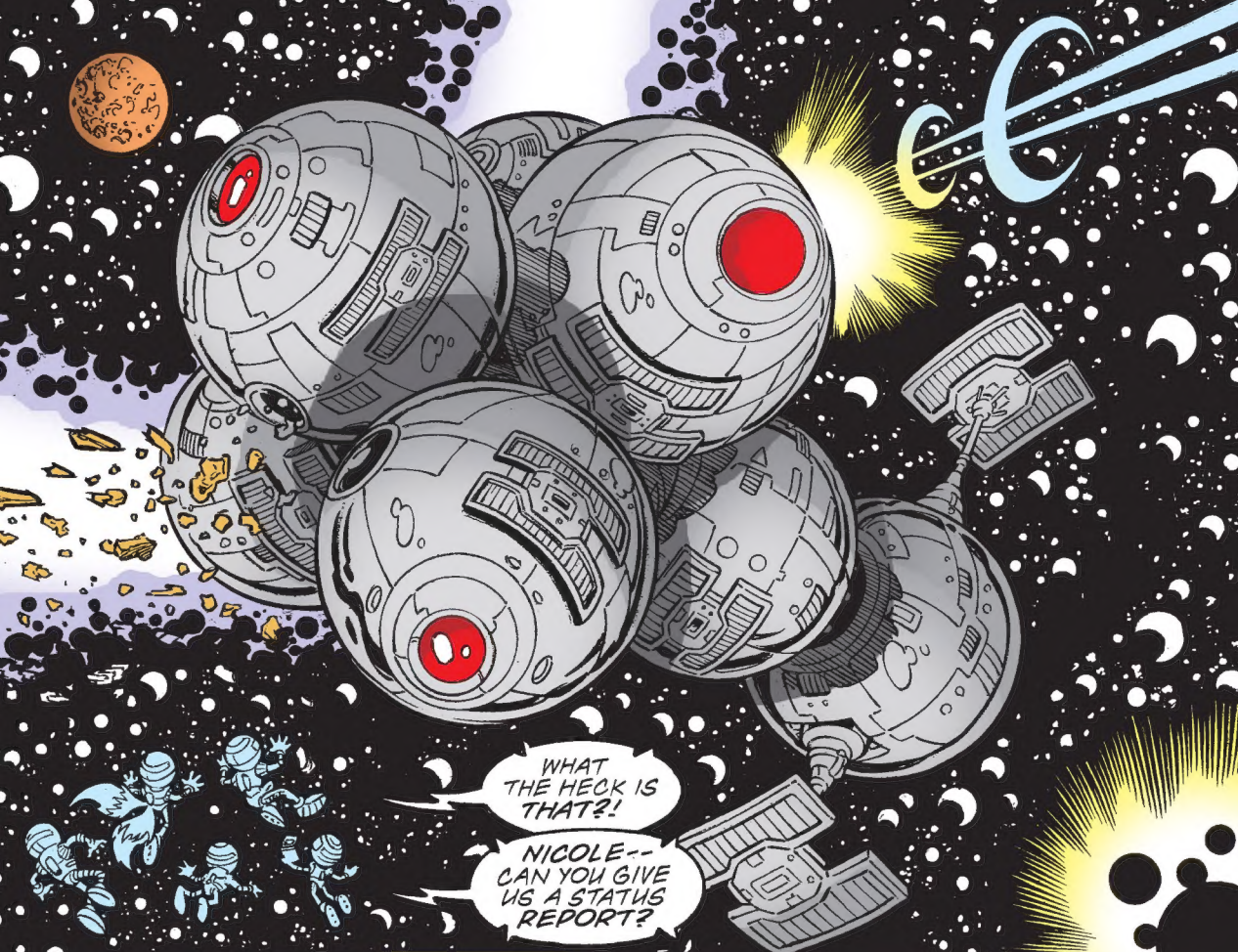
...IT'S
YOU.

BOY! I DIDN'T KNOW
THE OLD-TIMER HAD
SUCH A HIGH OPINION OF
ME! HE'S WAY PAST RIGHT,
Y'KNOW...

OH,
PUN-LEEZE!

BOB'S
MILK

CRIST



WHAT
THE HECK IS
THAT?!

NICOLE--
CAN YOU GIVE
US A STATUS
REPORT?

Yes, Princess--the EIGHT
orbiting satellites have
apparently JOINED
together to form a SPACE-
PLATFORM of some type.

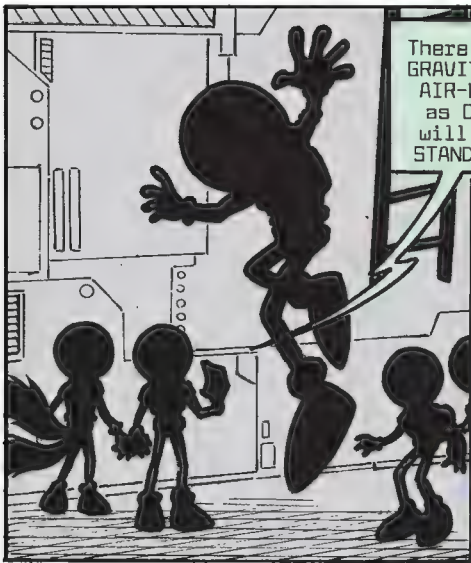
BUT WHAT'S
WITH ALL OF
THIS =4ech=
TRASH?

The DEBRIS consists mainly
of CHEMICAL WASTE and METAL
DEBRIS. There will be a
thirty-second WINDOW--

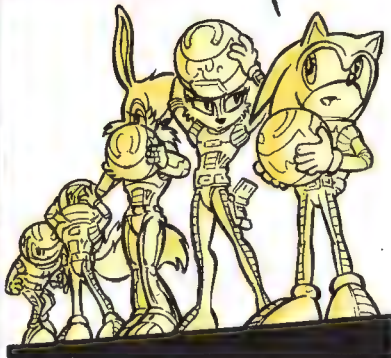
--during which you will be able
to BOARD the platform through
any of several waste disposal
CHUTES along its hull.

A second LONGER and you run the risk
of being EXPOSED to a chemical BATH
that can corrode your SPACE-SUITS.

THEN
WE'D BETTER
JUICE!



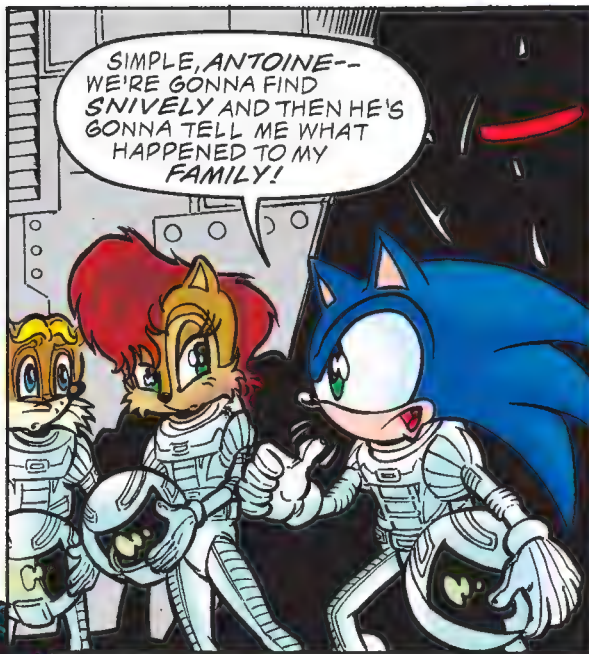
There is artificial GRAVITY within this AIR-LOCK, as well as OXYGEN, which will allow you to STAND as well as--



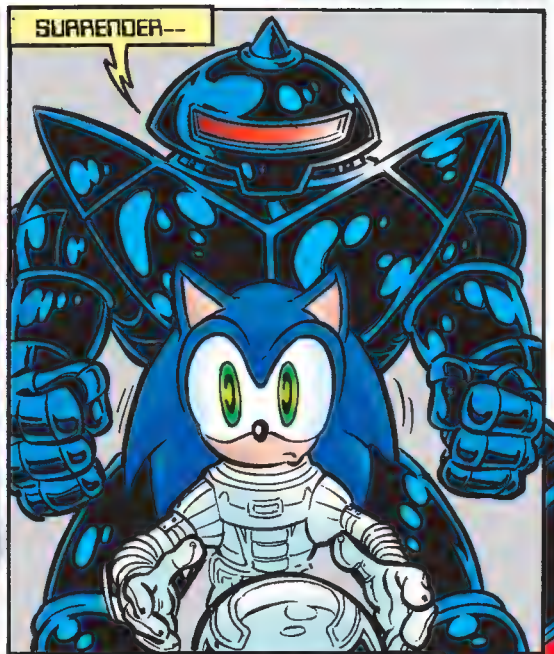
Whew--
BREATHE!



WHAT SHALL WE BE DOING NOW ZAT WE HAVE ARRIVED?



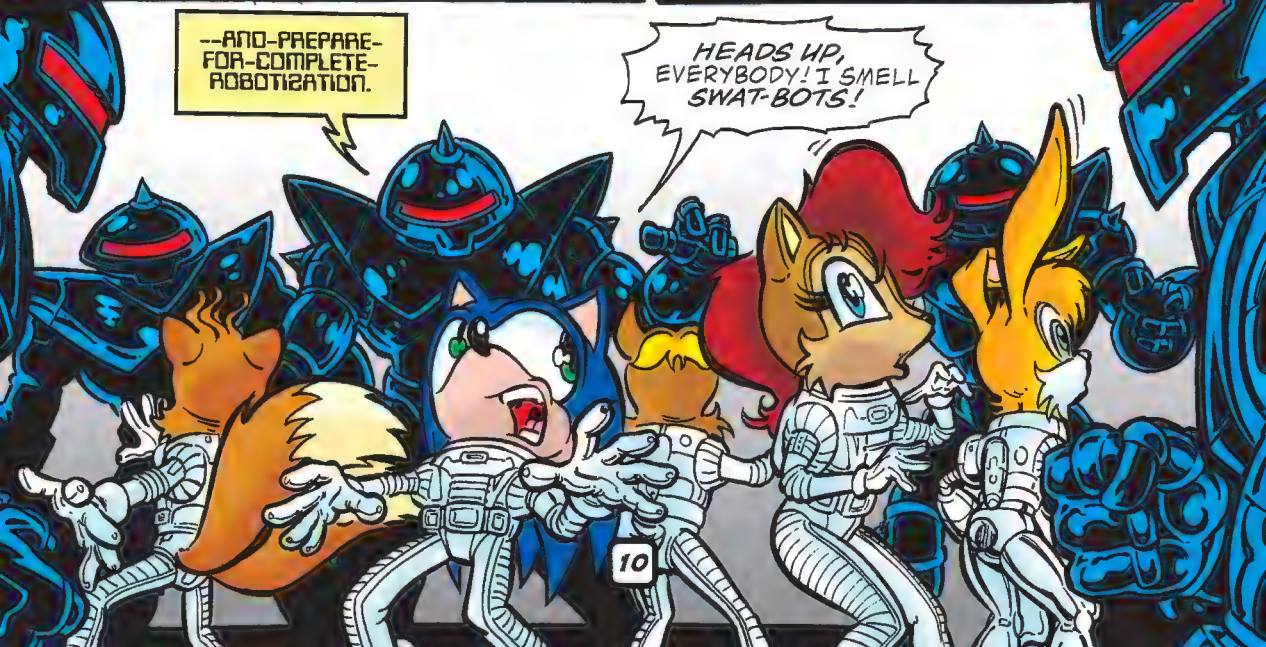
SIMPLE, ANTOINE--
WE'RE GONNA FIND
SNIVELY AND THEN HE'S
GONNA TELL ME WHAT
HAPPENED TO MY
FAMILY!



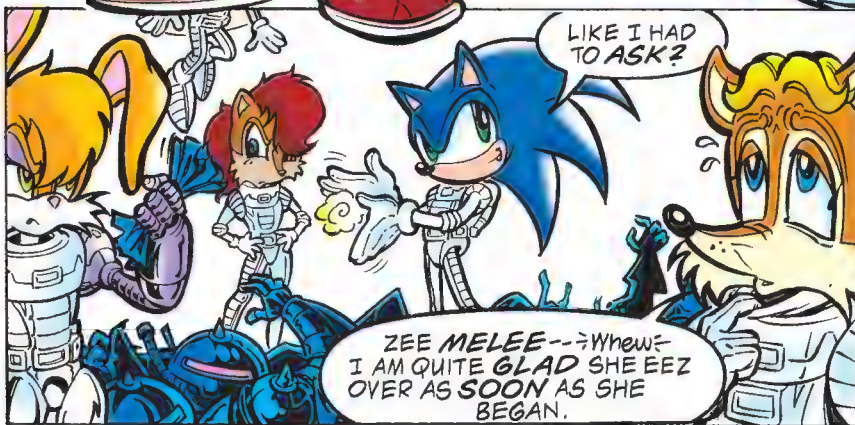
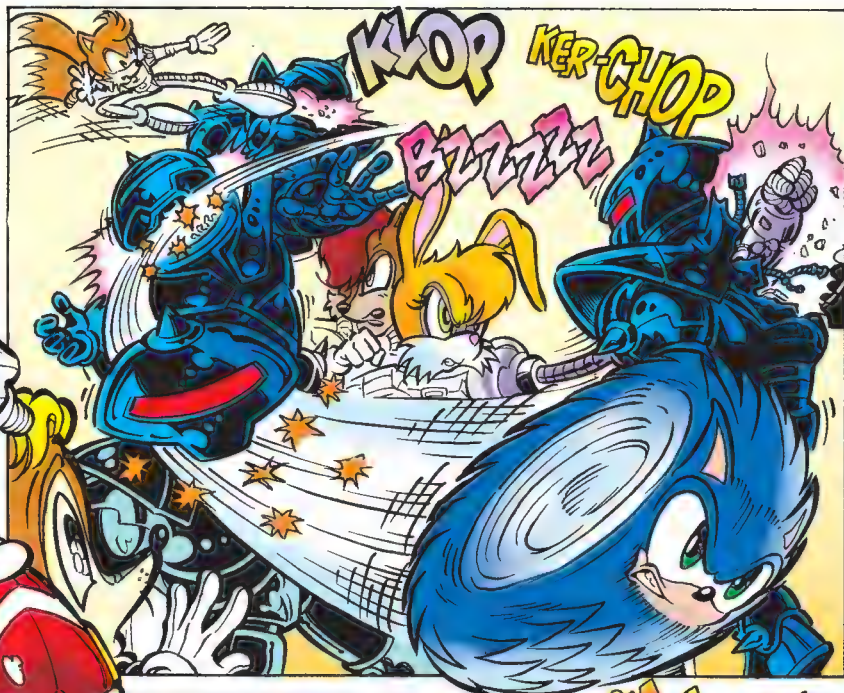
SURRENDER--

--AND-PREPARE-
FOR-COMPLETE-
ROBOTIZATION.

HEADS UP,
EVERYBODY! I SMELL
SWAT-BOTS!



AND YOU
KNOW WHAT WE
DO TO SWAT-BOTS,
DON'T YOU?



LIKE I HAD
TO ASK?

ZEE MELEE-->Whew--
I AM QUITE GLAD SHE EEZ
OVER AS SOON AS SHE
BEGAN.



SURRENDER--

--AND-PREPARE-FOR-
COMPLETE-ROBOTIZATION.

ENOUGH--
I THINK THEY
KNOW THE
DRILL...

MORE BIGGER
SWAT-BOTS?!



...DON'T
YOU, FREEDOM
FIGHTERS?

ROBOTNIK?!



THAT'S **DOCTOR**
ROBOTNIK TO YOU,
HEDGEHOG!

AND WHILE I **TRULY**
APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING TO
CORRECT YOU **TWICE** WITHIN
THE SPACE OF **TEN SECONDS**...
THESE AREN'T OUTDATED
SWAT-BOTS, EITHER!

THEY ARE THE
SHADOW-BOTS
DELTA AND GAMMA
--MY PERSONAL
VANGUARD!

THEY'RE **TOAST** AND SO ARE **YOU** IF YOU DON'T TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY FAMILY AND THE OTHER ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS, RO"**BUTT**"NIK!

COME NOW, HEDGEHOG... CAN'T YOU AT **LEAST** TAKE A MOMENT TO WELCOME ME **BACK** FROM THE DEAD? HOW RUDE!

DIDN'T YOUR PARENTS TEACH YOU BETTER MANNERS?

WHY, YOU LOUSY---!

SMACK

UGH!

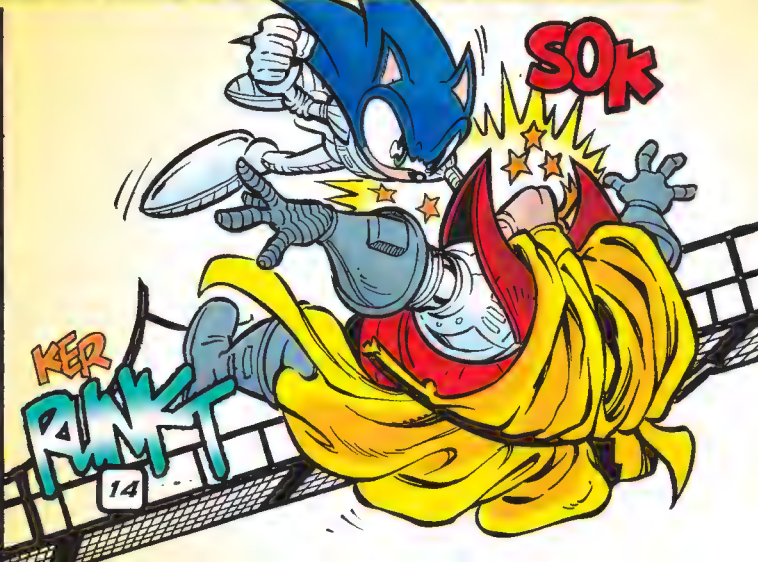
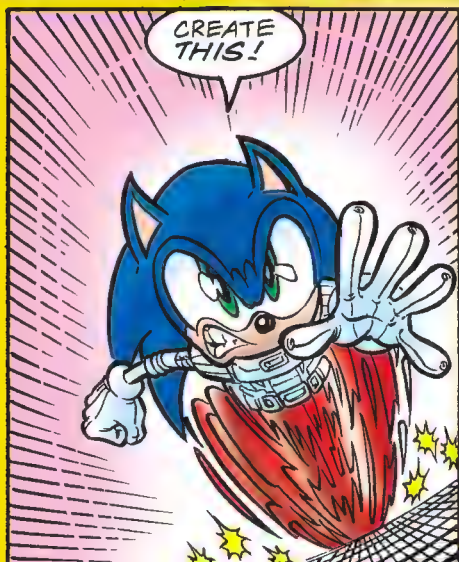
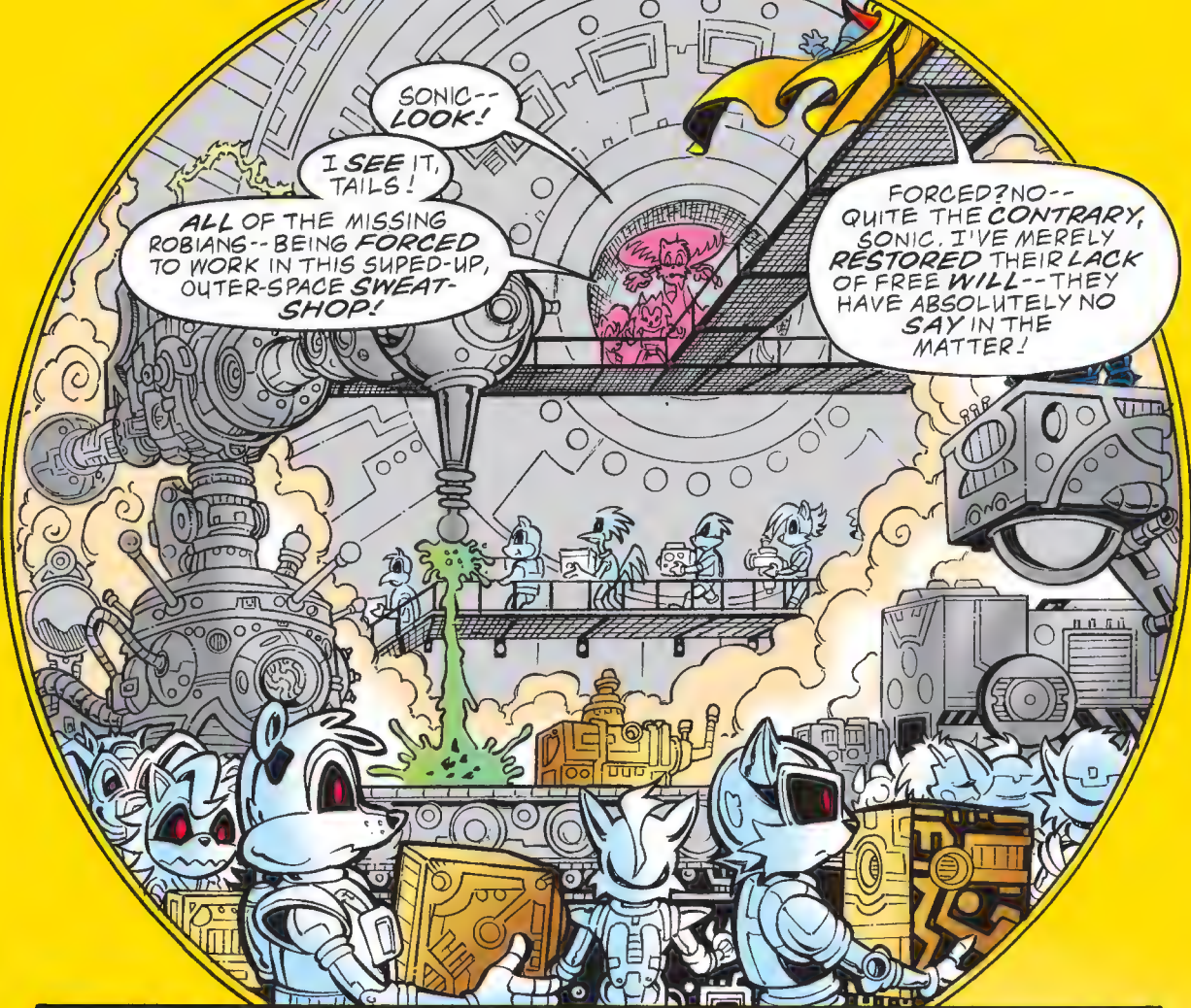
AH'LL SHO YOU MANNERS!

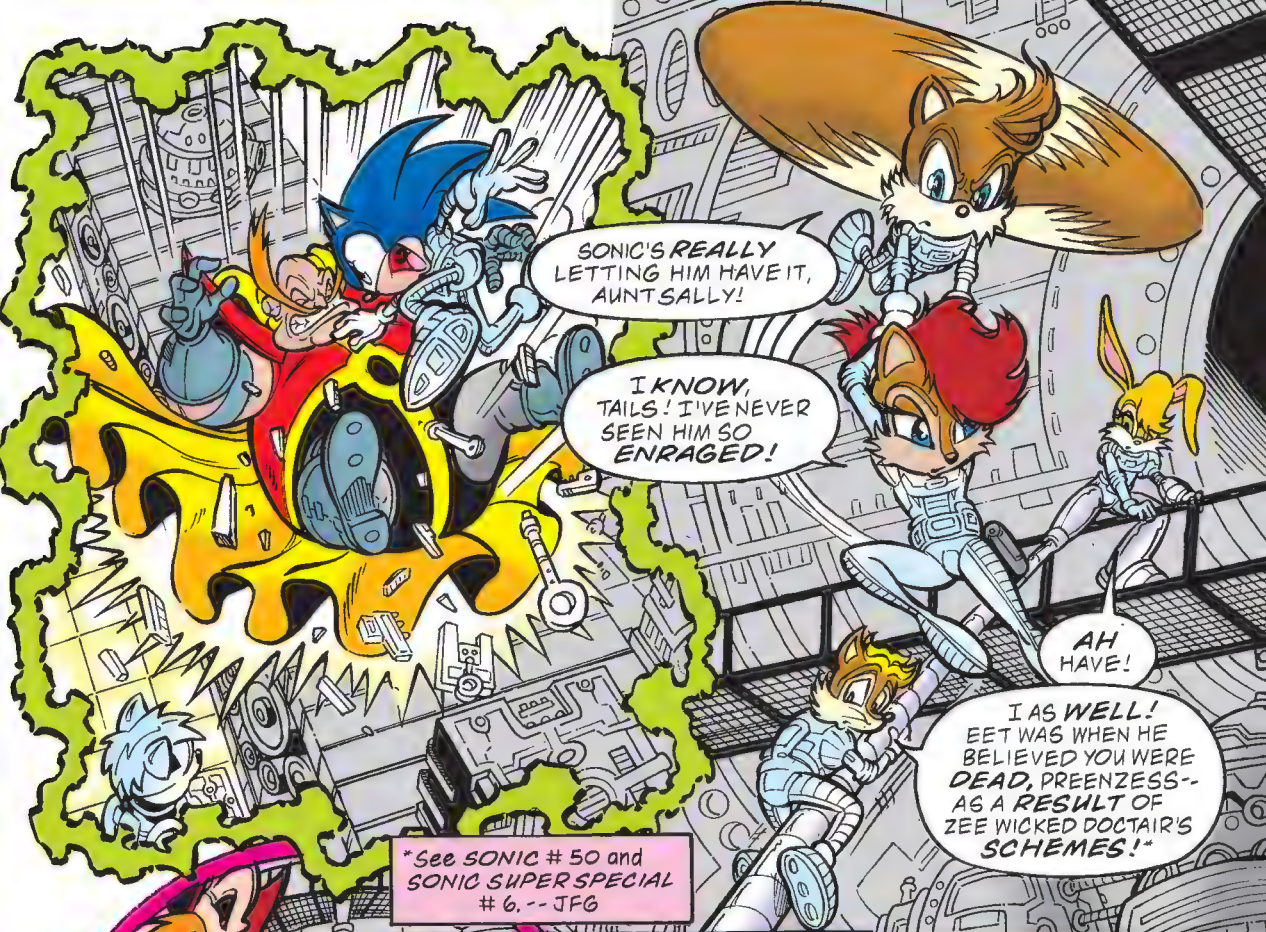
WHUT'S UP, DOC?

KLANK

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LONG TIME NO PUNCH!





*See SONIC # 50 and
SONIC SUPER SPECIAL
6.--JFG

"WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING--
THEY'RE ON THAT CONVEYOR BELT..."

"...AND IT'S HEADED
RIGHT TOWARD THAT
CORROSIVE CHEMICAL
SPRAY!"

YOU WON'T
ESCAPE ME THAT
EASILY--eh?

**HOLY
SMOKES!**

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT! IT'S
NOT ROBOTNIK!
IT'S-- IT'S--

NEXT ISSUE: **SONIC #75**
OR AS WE LIKE TO REFER TO IT--
"THE BIG ONE!"

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF
MOBOTROPOLIS...

WELL, AMY ROSE--
THERE SONIC AND THE
REST OF THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS GO...

...AND IF ANYONE CAN
GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS
SATELLITE MYSTERY SONIC
CERTAINLY CAN!

WILL THEY
REALLY BE ABLE
TO FIND OUT WHERE
ALL OF THE
ROBIANS* IN
KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE
WENT?

Robotized citizens
of Mobius.-- JFG

I MEAN THEY JUST
UP AND DISAPPEARED,
MISTER MORGAN--
SONIC'S MOM N'DAD...
HIS DOG, MUTTSKI...

...EVEN HIS
UNCLE CHUCK!
IT'S SO HARD TO
BELIEVE...

BOLLERS • ALLAN • AMASH

"...THAT TAILS AND I
WERE AT THE OLD
LIBRARY WITH HIM ONLY
YESTERDAY..."

TALES OF THE GREAT WAR **ENTER...** ROBOTNIK

PART III

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OF ALL THE ACTIONS
I REGRET MOST, IT'S SAYING
ROBOTNIK FROM HIS OWN
KIND THAT HAUNTS ME ABOVE
ALL OTHERS!

--I'D STILL
SAVE HIS MISERABLE
NECK!

AND YET EVEN
IF I KNEW THEN WHAT
I KNOW NOW--

YOU
WOULD?!

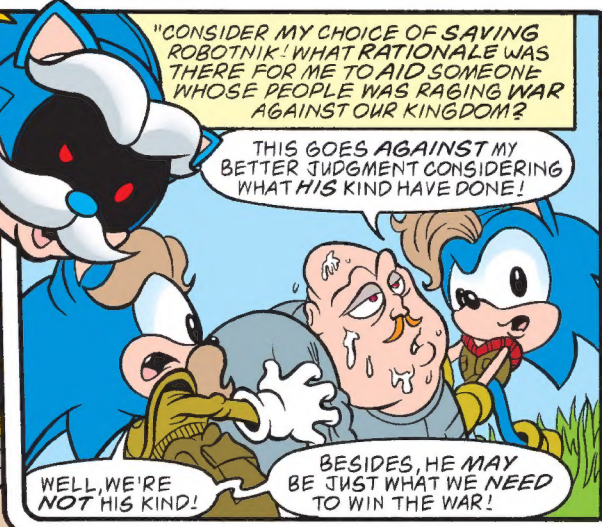
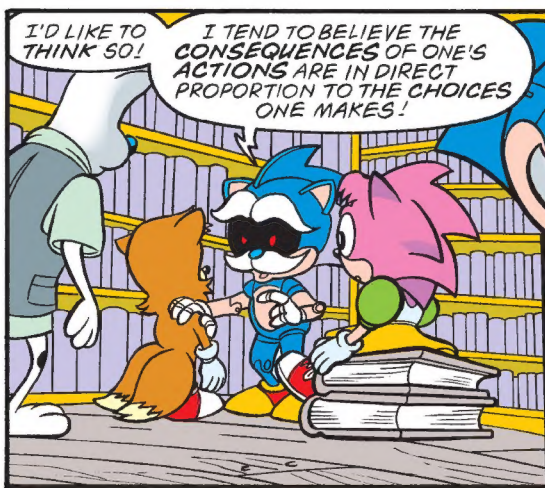
OF
COURSE!

I CONSIDER
ALL LIFE TO BE
SACRED!

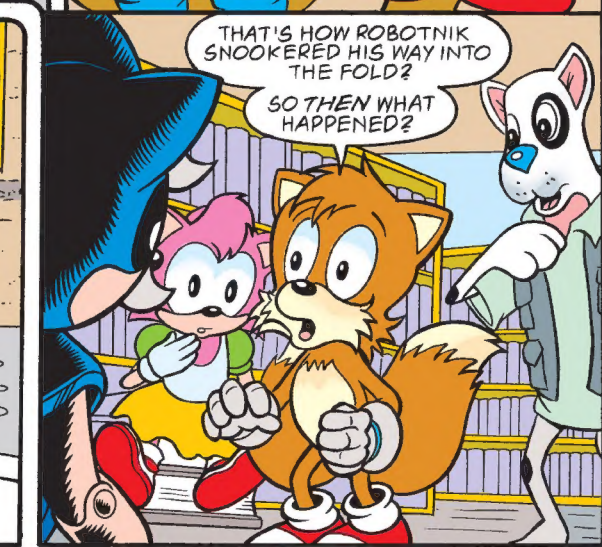
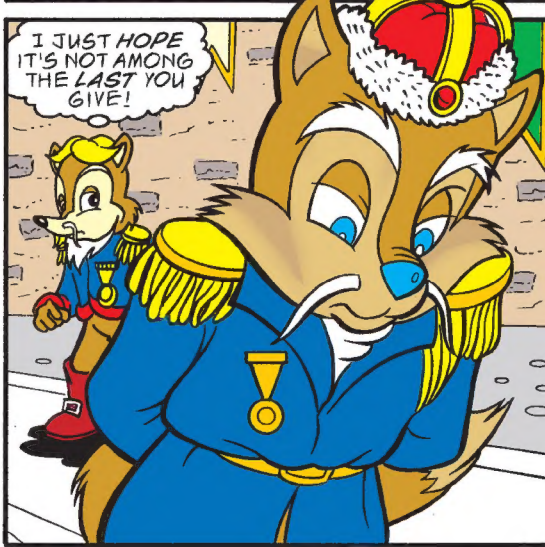
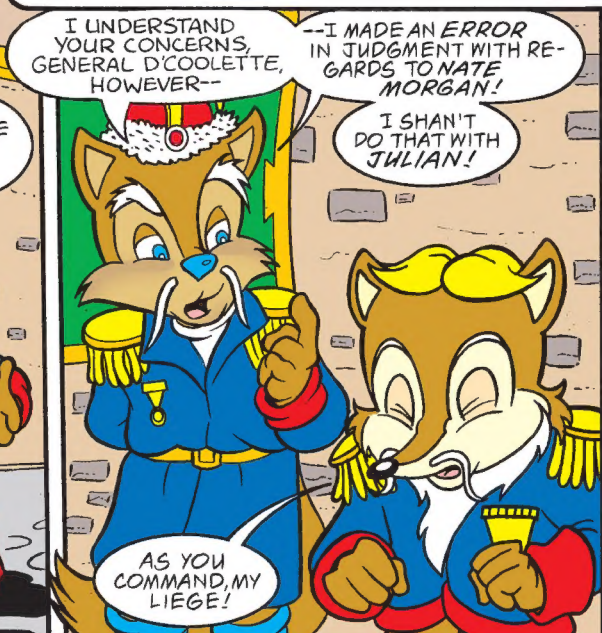
JUST BECAUSE
MY ENEMIES LACK
CHARACTER--

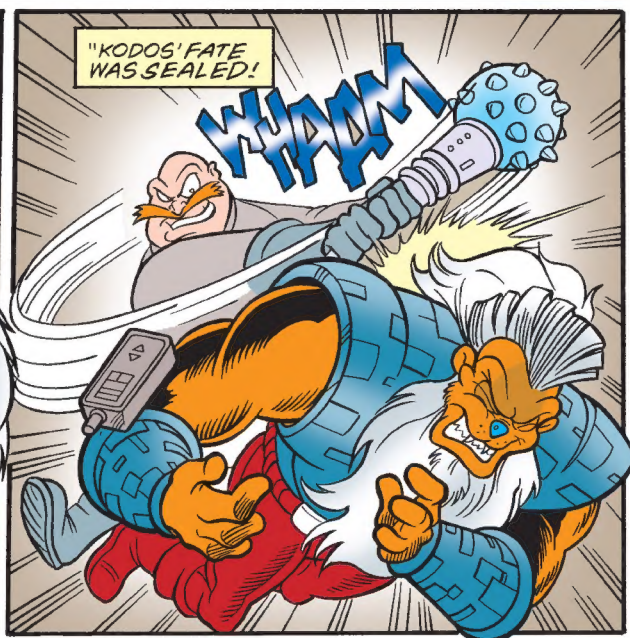
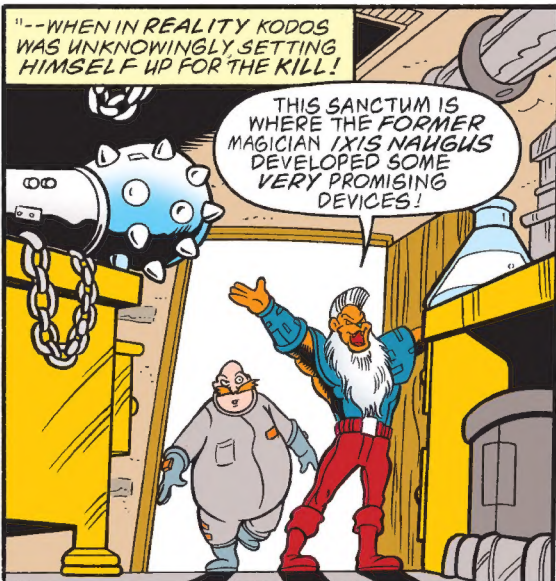
--IS NOT EXCUSE
ENOUGH FOR ME TO STOOP
TO THEIR LEVEL!

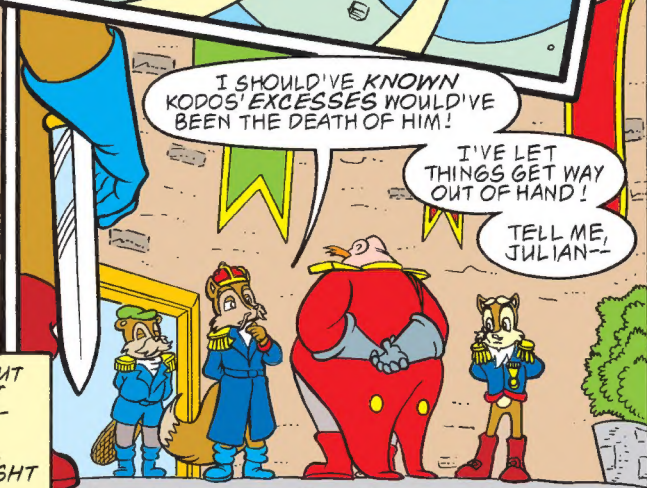
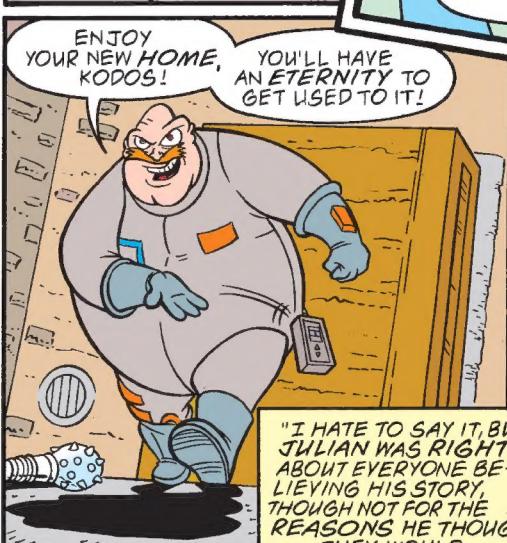
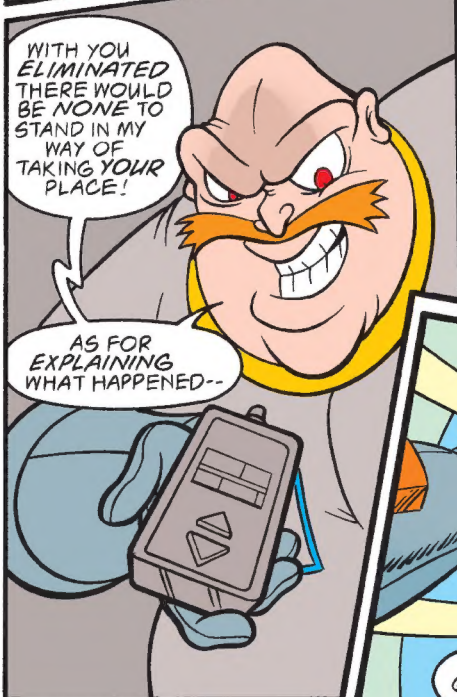
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GOOD, UNCLE
CHUCK?

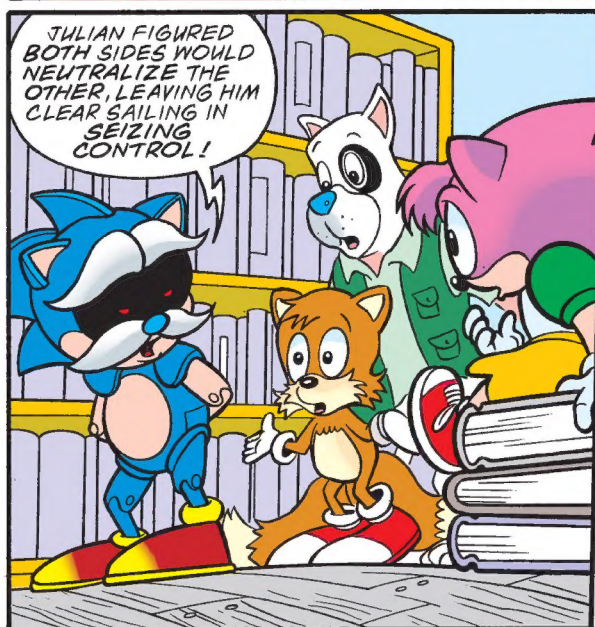


"AS FOR KING ACORN, HIS CONSCIENCE WAS MORE THAN LIKELY GOVERNED BY WHAT HAPPENED TO NATE MORGAN..."









**WANT TO KNOW
WHAT HAPPENS
NEXT?
"TALES OF THE
GREAT WAR"
RETURNS WITH
SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG #76**